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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : New Book: Requiem in Utopia
by Richard Starnes (New York: Trident Press,
1967)

1. This memorandum is for information only to invite your attention to a new novel about CIA entitled Requiem in Utopia by newsman Richard Starnes. Starnes is a long time Scripps-Howard editor and columnist whose columns used to appear in the Washington Daily News; the newspaper dropped the column sometime ago.

2. It will be recalled that, in 1964, Starnes was the author of several virulent and scurrilous columns about CIA, including its role in Vietnam. His anti-Agency bias has apparently found full fruition in his new novel which is based in Sweden.

3. Mr. Goodwin, Assistant to the Director, has been kind enough to review Requiem in Utopia and reports his general impression of the book to be "Filth floating in a slop jar." Mr. Goodwin's review of Starnes' contribution to belles-lettres is attached.

4. The novel has been the subject of a large advertisement in the New York Times of 5 July, headlined "When a famous American newsman writes a novel about the CIA, is it only fiction?" In smaller type is the query "Is this an authentic picture of CIA tactics--including those it used against Americans who got in its way?"

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Attachment

As noted above

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